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## OUR NEW TOPSY.

TOPSY (AGUINALDO)—"I's so awful wicked there cain't nobody do nothin' with me. I keeps Miss Feeley (Uncle Sam) a-swearin' at me half de time, 'cause I's mighty wicked, I is."

—*Uncle Tom's Cabin.*

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THE SUCCESS of Lady Curzon in India is a great triumph for Chicago.

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COLUMBUS was the original expansionist, and who cares for Columbus now?

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SENATOR HILL may be for expansion, but the trouble is that Richard Croker first proposed it.

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THE FILIPINOS are respectfully informed that it is an important principle in civilization to stay licked.

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THE BOSTON MOVEMENT against the annexation of the Philippines is running away from itself with great rapidity.

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AN INCREASE in the salaries of the Tammany office-holders gives ground for the claim that Mr. Croker was the advance-agent of prosperity.

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IF THE FOREFATHERS who landed on Plymouth rock had insisted on the sacredness of precedent they would never have made the journey.

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THE MAN in Dutchess county who married two school-teachers went to the wrong parties to get his education. They should have taught him how to skoot.

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JOHN SHERMAN referred to Aguinaldo as the George Washington of the Philippines, and we certainly know that the young man has dug up his little hatchet.

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A WORKING GIRL in Binghamton was sent to jail twenty-five days for scorching. There ought to be a hot time for the magistrate who perpetrated this monstrous injustice.

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THE GIRL in Pottsville who hugged her grandmother so hard as to break her ribs ought to have known better. Old ladies were never intended as substitutes for that kind of business.

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NO LAW-BREAKER with three wives must be permitted to make laws for the people of this country. He ought to be satisfied if he is allowed outside the walls of the penitentiary.

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WE ARE TOLD that a woman's skull brings only a dollar and a half, while a man's brings two dollars. The only rational explanation of this is, of course, that the purchasers are numskulls.

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SARA BERNHARDT climbed Vesuvius and scorched her eyebrows, and would have gone into the abyss had not her manager pulled her back. She ought to have known better. No woman can put out such a fire as that by spitting on it.

AN AVOWED FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

PUGILIST STARKEY—"Say! if dis kid grows up an' goes inter de ring, an' kin give his opponent as much trouble puttin' him ter sleep as he's givin' me, it's a straight tip dat he'll be de champion."

## TRUST AGAINST TRUST.

PINGREE wants to run for president on a platform opposed to trusts. Bryan and Altgeld are also eloquent against trusts. Let the anti-trust men pool their issues and they may get up a trust bigger than all the others put together.

## ALL IN GOOD TIME.

A CANADIAN PAPER sounds the warning that this government wants to absorb Canada, and adds its belief that England would be glad to swap Canada in behalf of an international alliance. Possibly; but Canadians really must not cross the dividing-line till they get to it.

## PROTECTION BY GOVERNMENT.

IS THIS GOVERNMENT responsible to Spain for the Spanish prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo's insurgents? The millions given for the Philippines constituted a bargain in which the rights of the people were undoubtedly involved, including their liberty and safety. Government means protection. Must not the Filipinos be protected against themselves?

## POPULARITY OF THE SNIFF.

SOMEBODY inquires why it is that so many dramas and so many novels are made to end disastrously and why people continue to patronize them. There is no rational explanation outside of the melancholy that attends illness. Doubtless epidemics like the grip are great helps to this kind of literature. Nothing makes one so appreciative of the ills of others as the fact that he doesn't feel pretty well himself.

## A HURRAH TICKET.

MR. WATTERSON wants the Democrats to run Dewey for president and Fitzhugh Lee for vice-president, the candidates to occupy no platform whatever. There is certainly wisdom in the last half of the proposition, for the Democratic party cannot make a platform without pronouncing its defeat in advance. And besides, is Admiral Dewey anxious to commit suicide in such a foolish way as that?

## MAY HASTEN THE PRIVILEGE.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT proposed in his message the gradual extension of the suffrage to women; and now the pro-suffrage and anti-suffrage women are in arms, prepared to fight to the end of the vocabulary for and against the proposition. In this oratorical contest it is just possible that the antis will show the capability of women for politics to such an extent that it can no longer be postponed.

## DEMOCRACY OUT WEST.

A JACKSON DINNER in Omaha had as guests of honor William Sulzer and John P. Altgeld, and their speeches were loudly applauded. Mr. Croker's appeal for common sense within his party comes rather late, but it may do some good in the east. It is manifestly too late so far as the southern and western portions of the party are concerned. They are wedded to their idiocy and will stick to it to the last ditch.

## THE BUTCHER.

GENERAL WEYLER is giving banquets in Madrid, and expresses an ardent desire to reform the army and navy of his country. The condition of Spain must be very low when such a man can have a reasonable hope of political recognition; and yet among his guests at one banquet were fourteen generals, one admiral, and other officers. However, officials of this kind do not count as high as they did before the war.

## NO ESCAPE FOR TROUBLE.

THE PASTOR of a Baptist church in New Jersey has resigned because of the anger of the women of his flock over the baptizing of a colored man in the pool used for such purposes by the whites. This world is composed two-thirds of water. There is more of that beverage than of all the others put together. It might have been easy for the colored man to avoid raising a question of this kind by getting baptized somewhere else, and if he had been possessed of the proper Christian spirit he would have done so.

WHY HE WEPT.

ISAACS —" Vot's Rosenbein veeping for ?"
COHEN — " Mein Gott, he can't help it ! Shust see dose fool firemen moving out der goods."

## THE POSTER-PAINTER'S MASTERPIECE.

"LET us paint a landscape in June," he cried ;
" A landscape in high June."
And the poster-painter swelled with pride
And trilled a merry tune.
And he painted five cows in Antwerp blue
(For he was a poster-painter true),
And the grass they browsed was a light écru
And a dark maroon.

And the foot of one cow was in the sky,
And her horns were pink and green ;
Her amber tail it curled on high—
A bright and beauteous scene.
And a lavender river flowed at her feet
With gamboge lilies fragrant and sweet,
But some were the color of powdered peat,
Some light marine.

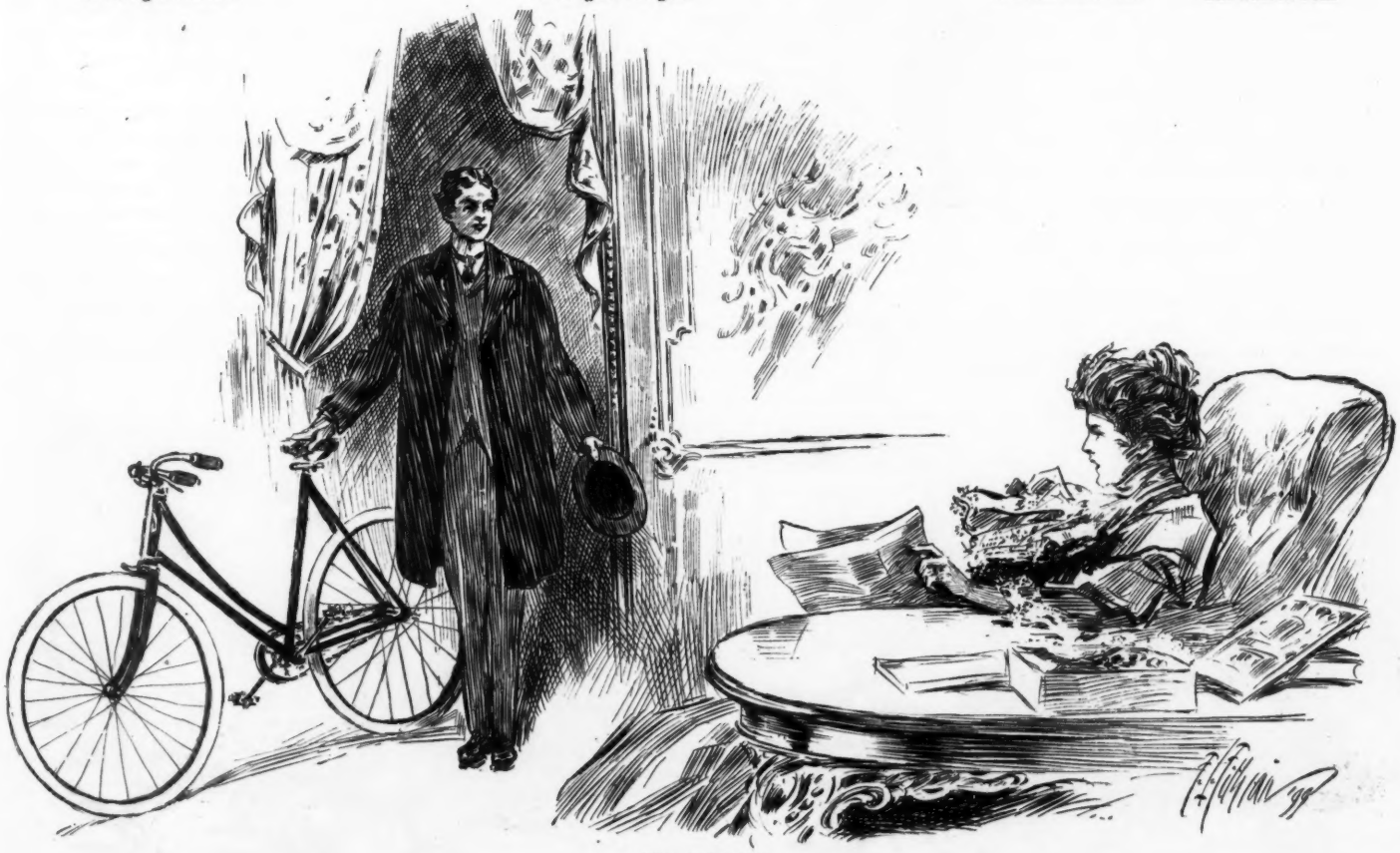
And another cow's tail was round the sun
(Her horns hung limply down) ;
And her tail was white as wool new-spun,
And the sun was a neutral brown.
In the drab background was a pale-blue lamb
Who stood by the side of her turquoise dam,
And the sky—a pink parallelogram —
On the lamb closed down.

And the rhomboid hills were of ochre hue
With trees of lilac white,
And rectilinear forests grew
In a limpid cochineal light.
An isosceles lake spread fair and pink,
And, gathered about its damask brink,
Triangular swans came down to drink
With glad delight.

Then a milkmaid came with cheeks of dun
And a smile of dark maroon,
One arm was on the setting sun,
One on the rising moon.
And she seemed to float from a Nile-green sky,
With an ebony arm and an ivory eye,
And her gown swelled down from a point on high,
Like a pink balloon.

But all the things the painter drew
'Twere hard to tell—
The cow, the sky, the swans of blue,
Lamb, maid, he painted well.
But which was the cow and which the maid,
And which were the swans or the trees of shade,
And which were the sky or the hills, I'm afraid,
No soul could tell.

SAM WALTER FOSS.



HIS REASON.

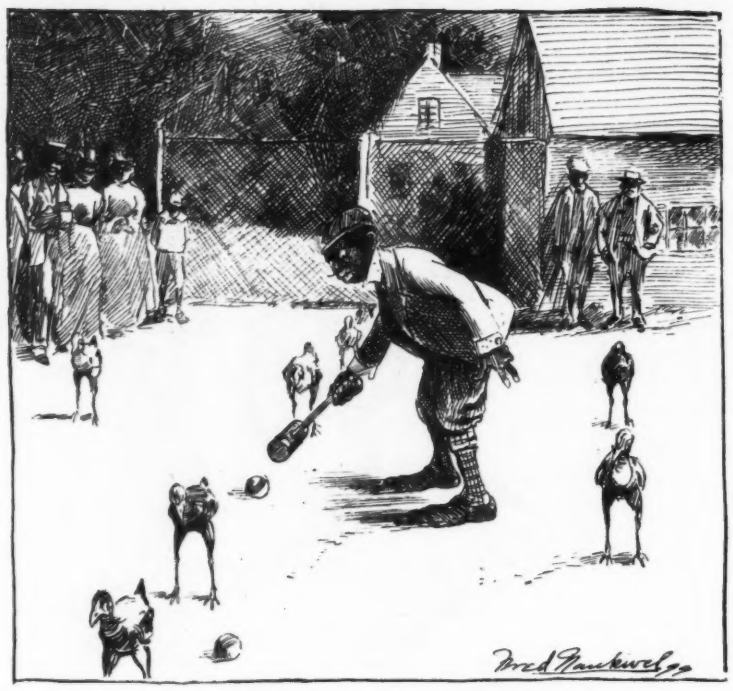
MR. NEWLYWED —" Here's your wheel, my dear. It cost three dollars to have her fixed."
MRS. NEWLYWED —" Why do you speak of bicycles as feminine ?"
MR. NEWLYWED —" Because, my dear, they're like women, inasmuch as you never realize how expensive they are until you've got them."

*Photo. by Pach.*

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

ADELE RITCHIE IN "THE RUNAWAY GIRL."

"Oh, listen to the band!"
You give it such a way
That there's a big demand
For everything you say.
And the crowds of people come at the banging of the drum
And the piece with all the records runs away.



CROQUET AT BLACKTOWN.

Professor Carom Bootjay with his troupe of trained chickens gives an exhibition of scientific croquet.

## THE THRIFT OF ALICIA.

I SNEER not at frugality—
I who must practice it—
And scrimping where the brunt 's on me
I do not mind a bit.
I polish my own boots and press
My clothes, refresh my hats,
And, when they hint at shabbiness,
Make over my cravats.

Alicia takes pleasure, too,
In small economies,
As I encourage her to do,
My hope in future ease.
But I protest with high-held hand
When (oh, a woman's wiles!)
She keeps tab on her kisses and
A time-lock on her smiles.

To-day she capped the climax quite
Of all economy
(I cannot speak of it, nor write,
Save confidentially),
And with good Barkis she may be
Well-called a little "near"—
She's sent the valentine to me
I sent to her last year.

EDWARD W. BARNARD.

## HEAVENLY HOSIERY.

"HYAH come Miss State of Virginia!" exclaimed Malvina in delight. "What can Ah do fer yer?"

"Nothing at all," responded the young lady with severe hauteur. "I have a complaint to make to you."

"Mannercrotions scrumbunctious! what am de confutica?" exclaimed the negress in syllabic alarm.

"My stockings are all disappearing," returned Miss Virginia. "They are not brought up from the wash, and I haven't a pair to put on. You have got them hidden somewhere, or you are wearing them yourself."

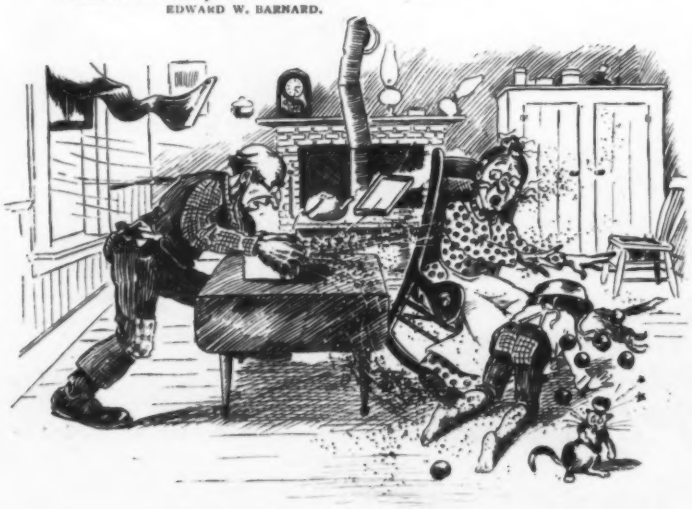
"Miss State of Virginia, Ah tells yer Ah neber teched yer stockin's, an' what Ah's got on Ah'll show you. Look now, look good; dem's de on'y stockin's Malviny's got—de stockin's what Jesus gib 'er." She modestly lifted her petticoats and displayed her bare bronze ankles.

HELEN C. CANDEE.

1. FARMER ERSY—"Mariar, I bought a box uv Quick's lightnin'-growth producer, but I bet I've been skinned. The man said thet anythin' it landed on wud grow like ——

## VALENTINES.

AS THERE can be but little doubt
They often did offend one,
I'm glad the fashion 's dying out,
For I've no girl to send one.



2. ——Hey, there! shet thet winder."

3. !——!!——!!!

A FATAL DRAUGHT.

STANKWS
MONTREAL

## BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

The professor rapped on his desk for attention. "To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day," he observed, "and it has long been the custom in this school for the pupils to send their teacher valentines, either comic or sentimental, according to the taste of the sender."

At this point the boys began to snicker and the girls to blush and look conscious.

"While I do not approve of this silly custom," continued the professor, "I shall not go so far as to forbid it. I merely take this opportunity to announce that I have on hand a large and varied assortment of valentines which I received last year, and which I am willing to dispose of at greatly reduced rates."

## THE SPOILS OF OFFICE.

*Mr. Smith*—"Well, Maria, I've got my appointment at last. I'm to be postmaster."
*His wife*—"Won't that be nice? Now we can get our postage-stamps at wholesale price."

## THE DOCTOR'S VALENTINE.

I KNOW if it were mine to choose
(And I would be quite willing),
I'd look for what would meet your views,
And pick out something killing.

QUITE INVOLUNTARY.

MRS. NEWLYWED (*caustically*)—"Remember that it was *you* who did the proposing."
MR. NEWLYWED—"Yes; on the same principle that the felon who steps upon the new automatic gallows does the hanging."

## BALM OF GILEAD.

THE mormon lay breathing his last while the elder was reading from the bible words of hope and promise. Suddenly there appeared a radiant smile upon the sufferer's emaciated countenance, and with an effort he half raised himself. "Elder," he said feebly, "read that last passage again."

"'There shall be no marriages in heaven,'" re-read the elder.

Again the radiant look suffused the much-married sufferer's visage. "Oh, death! where is thy sting?" he gasped, and fell back lifeless.

JUDGE'S WORLD'S *FAIR*.—No. 4.

MADEMOISELLE MONTREAL.

Flower of French and English stock,
Fairy chip of the old ice-block!
The frosty air is like champagne:
One sips it with you—not in vain.

Sleigh-ride, toboggan, snow-shoes, skates—
Each breath we draw exhilarates.
With you, compact of fun and spice,
An arctic climate cuts no ice!

## A PRACTICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

*Warwick*—"Professor van Spook has become one of the most earnest theosophists I ever knew. He has set his head on being able to separate his soul from his body. He says he can imagine no greater pleasure than to put his body to bed for a few hours, or even days, and allow his astral being to visit other localities and climes."

*Wickwire*—"Yes; I never knew a man to dislike to go through a siege of house-cleaning as much as the professor."

Waldorf.

LITERAL IRONY.

Walled-off.

## REVIEWS OF RECENT FICTION.

THE THING'S JACKET, by Dickie Raving Hardis.
EVELYN 'S IN IT, by O. Givus More.
THE GLORY OF SANGFROID, by Dr. D. Weird Mixture.
HENPECK OF DENNISVILLE, by Mrs. Wardphry Hump.

THE THING'S JACKET—The kite that is flying this tale is a novel entitled, "Fortunes of Soldiers," but Mr. Hardis has been real cute and has hung a few lights along the tail, and their twinkle is sufficient to attract some attention away from the kite. The Thing, who is the hero of the story, is the same dear old thing we always expect from this reliable author, and we get it right straight along; and the Jacket, also as usual, fits without a wrinkle. The prettiest bit of writing in the story is where the tiny prince totters around the room with his crown. "Ah, poor prince," mused the Thing, pressing his hands convulsively to the breast of the Jacket, "to whom will you turn when the king, your father, gives you the cold go-by?" The prince stopped toddling, dumped his crown on the Thing's knee and lisped, trustingly, "Oo." This extract, though short, is yet long enough to prove that while you may not be moved to tears by Mr. Hardis's pathos, yet you can nearly always sniff at it.

COULDN'T BE POSITIVE.

REGGY (*indignantly*)—"So your father said I didn't know enough to go in when it rained. I hope you contradicted him?"

DOLLY—"Oh, yes; but of course I couldn't say for certain, Reggy, because I have never seen you out in a storm."

EVELYN 'S IN IT—If we reviewers reviewed this book thoroughly and con amore, carefully chewing it to a pulp, as it were, no one would call upon our wives. Being discreet as we can, still we are forced to admit that not only was Evelyn in it every time and all the time, but that there was very little she wasn't in. And it was all hot. The works of O. Givus More can rarely be handled without tongs. Tongs for handling the latest come in extra lengths. This novel should be read only by "the young person" of to-day; it would give nice, decent old people some pretty bad shocks. Girls, don't let your mothers get it.

THE GLORY OF SANGFROID—The moral of this stirring bit of fiction seems to be that in times of French revolutions one can nearly always come out ahead if one has ugliness and rascality; hampered by appearance of refinement one is pretty certain to come out headless. The wag of this tale is a very clever dog named Toto, but the hero is a thief. Dr. D. Weird Mixture sympathizes entirely with the thief and gifts him with Sangfroid enough to Glory over all difficulties. One cannot call this a dry narrative, for it is too freely saturated with blood. From the very first, when the kind old priest gets nervous and tramples the pet bird to death, to the falling of the last head in the basket, blood flows in an easy, unembarrassed stream. The author's style is most happy; by cheerfully tiens-to-to-ing and parbleu-ing all through the book (also occasionally hélas-ing) he has simulated a French atmosphere which is quite too sweet for anything. Jail-birds and confidence-men would miss a good thing by not reading this pretty story. Keep right on, Weird Mixture.

HENPECK OF DENNISVILLE—"My God, my God! what shall I do without any one's name to take in vain?" wails the heroine, and the reader who doesn't sort of pity her is an oyster. Mrs. Hump, who a few years ago, in a tale called "Ellie Bobsmear," recounted how a man in taking a sinch in his moral suspenders unhappily chanced to let go of his religion for good and all, has opened up her gospel-shop again and has given us a holy tale of a turbulent girl who couldn't make up her mind whether she would be an infidel and have a nice time, or get married and go slow forever after. Against the waywardness of her character Henpeck's meekness shows quite daintily. Poor Henpeck of Dennisville!—his name is doubly Dennis before she gets through with him. And when it comes to humor Mrs. Hump is several chips shy.

MARION HILL.

A MOMENT OF SUSPENSE.

ROSALIND—"Tell me, tell me truly, Orlando, wuz you ever married?"

## REFLECTIONS OF A SPINSTER.

CUPID is blamed for many matches made by cupidity.

The lowest life remembers; to the highest only is it given to forget.

Money may not buy happiness, but it will secure an imitation pleasing to most people.

A woman is said to be weak when she is not strong enough to resist temptation for two.

When a man says he loves a woman he usually means that he wants her to help him love himself.

It is possible for a spinster to be disappointed in lovers, but only the married are ever disappointed in love.

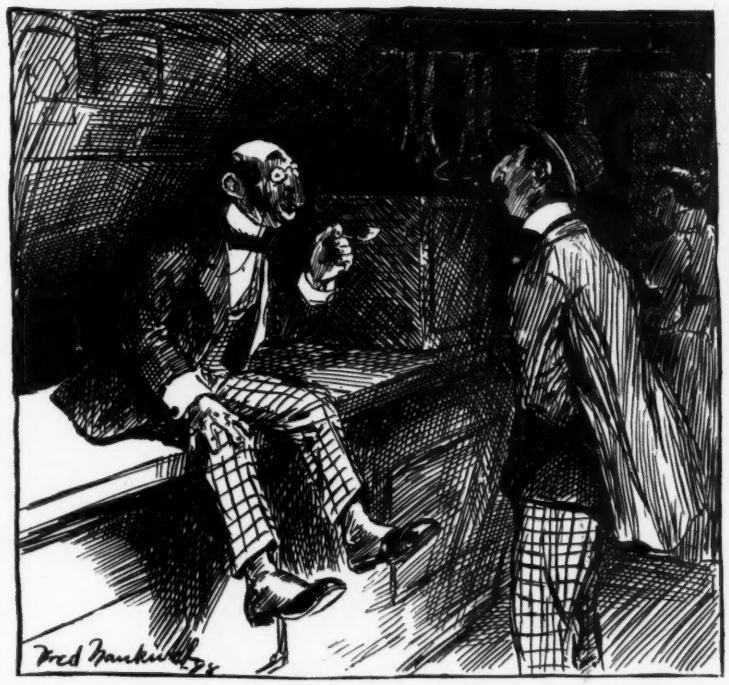
He who would win a woman must challenge her admiration, prove himself worthy of her regard, appeal to her sympathy—and then wound her.

MYRTLE REED.

## MEANINGLESS.

*Mrs. Style*—"What do you think of my new bonnet, John? Isn't it a perfect poem?"

*Her husband*—"It must be a magazine poem, then. I can't make head or tail of it."



OUT WITH A FIRE.

COHEN, JR.—"So you dinks dot der Heprews beats der Chentiles in peesness by little savings here undt dere?"

COHEN, SR.—"Dot vas it. Vor instance—der Chentile inshures his shtock as soon as he vas ready to go into peesness; der Heprew saves premiums by nod inshuring undil he vas ready to go out of peesness."

EXTRACT FROM POPULAR SONG.
"Don't trifle with my coal, black lady."

## THE FISHERMAN.

WHATEVER his luck, he will answer "I'm fine"
If you say to him, "How do you feel?"
For though he may lose both his rod and his line,
He always comes home with his reel.

## HIS PENITENCE LIMITED.

*Deacon Borden*—"Say, wife; I've come to you on a matter of conscience this mornin'."

*Mrs. Borden*—"You hev been pumpin' water in the breakfast milk, hev you?"

*Deacon Borden*—"Ya-as, wife; an' I allowed you might ask the blessin' this mornin' in my stead."

TO FIT HER PARTICULAR CASE.
YOUNG LADY (*in middle distance*)—"I wonder if they's got anythink in walentines w'ot rhymes wit Adolph."

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"LET US HA'E P

The last bombardment of t Spanis

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HATE PEACE!"
of the Spanish-American war.

WHEN THE TIDE WENT OUT.

1. FISHERMAN (*bay of Fundy*)—"Fish ain't bitin'. I might ez well take a snooze till tide b'gins ter run out; p'raps they'll bite then."

## THE LANDLORD'S STORY.

"THAT sawter reminds me," began the loquacious landlord of a backwoods Arkansaw tavern, addressing the sojourner from the north with whom he had been swapping yarns, "of a little thing that happened a couple of years ago.

"Tell you how it was. A gent livin' near yere—well acquainted with him, myself—traded for one o' them thar half-wild Cherokee cows, which is usually about two parts maniac and three parts catamount; this speshul one was a little mo' gifted that-a-way than common. One of her peculiarities was a reluctance to bein' milked. Thar were many ways in which she couldn't be milked, and only one in which she could be. That was by runnin' her head through the fence, bringin' a bar down across her neck and nailin' it fast, and then tyin' her legs to stakes driven into the ground. Then, after takin' his life in one hand and a bucket in the other, the gentleman would sometimes manage to extricate a pint and a half of pale, feeble-lookin' milk from her.

"One evenin' the gent went out into the gloamin', as they say in stories, anchored the cow hard and fast, as he s'posed, and sat down to titillate her—so to describe it. A little later the varmint switched her tail, which he had forgotten to make fast, twistin' one of the long hairs around his favorite front tooth, and snaked the fang out of his head as prettily as a dentist could have done it. This sawter aggravated the gent, and he grabbed the tail and tied the fly-brush firmly to his boot-strap, laughin' ironically to himself as he did so. While he was still engaged in gittin' his mirth out of his system the cow lunged, the stake-ropes broke, the fence gave way, and the gentle animal tore down the broad road that leads to destruction like a singed bat emergin' from the pit of torment, takin' her unfortunate owner with her.

"He tried to check his flight by clawin' nervously at everything within reach, but on they went, the cow blattin' like a lost soul that had been shot in the back with a box of carpet-tacks, and kickin' her master at every third jump. At length they burst into the midst of a darky camp-meetin' down by the creek. The preacher had been prognosticatin' the speedy arrival of Satan, and the congregation had already begun to wall their eyes over their shoulders, and so when the horned-and-hoofed visitor bulged in among 'em with a rush like a half-grown cyclone it was not surprisin' that the meetin' should be adjourned considerably pro tem.

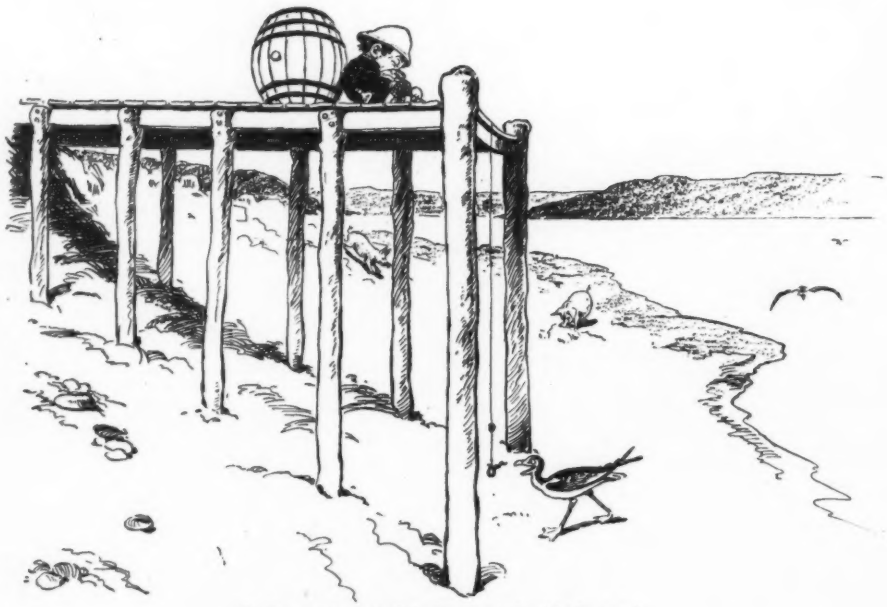
"The congregation, thinkin' that the Old Harry had got thar, fell all over themselves and each other in their efforts to escape, and right through the midst of 'em went the cow, knockin' the seats into splinters and the pulpit as high as the tree-tops. Her owner was switched around a saplin' and left thar tied up in a true-lover's-knot, with a large and unctuous old aunty settin' on his head.

"This episode caused a good deal of talk, and as the gent had alwers been a waggish sort of feller the belief got circulated that he'd done it all for a joke on the darkies. I never believed it, though, for he wasn't the kind of a man that would carry a joke so far that the point was all worn off of it. But, all the same, the story was credited by a fine-lookin' widow-lady that he was engaged to, and she threw him overboard and married an Episcopalian. It was all considerable funny to everybody else, but I don't reckon the poor feller that was dragged and ripped and torn and jilted, and so on, ever managed to squeeze much enjoyment out of it."

"Ha! ha!" laughed the northern man, when the recital was done. "That is a rattling good story, but—ah—who was the gentleman who had the painful experience?"

"Well," returned the landlord sheepishly, "I don't know as I ought to tell it on him, but—er—h'm!—it was me."

TOM P. MORGAN.



2. SEA-GULL—"Ah! there's a nice bit for me."

3. FISHERMAN (*with a yell*)—"Holy salts! Is that a flyin'-fish I've caught, er what?"

Spain, with all its talk about honor and the insult put upon it by a money-offering to salve its wounds, takes in that twenty million dollars from Uncle Sam. "Tell n," said Sir John Durbeyfield in proposing to sell his title, "I'll take a thousand pound. Well, I'll take less when I come to think o't Tell'n he shall hae it for a hundred. But I won't stand upon trifles Tell'n he shall hae it for fifty—for twenty pound. Yes, twenty pound; that's the lowest. Dammy, family honor is family honor, and I won't take a penny less"—*Courier-Journal.*

*Cook's Imperial Champagne* } Is a delicious wine.

"Muffins, the book-keeper tells me that you have lost the key of the safe and he cannot get the books." "Yes, sir; one of them. You gave me two, you remember." "Yes; I had duplicates made in case of accident. And the other?" "Oh, sir, I took care of that. I was afraid I might lose one of them, you know." "And is the other all right?" "Yes, sir. I put it where there was no danger of it being lost. It is in the safe, sir."—*London Punch.*

Persons afflicted with dyspepsia, diarrhœa, or colic will find immediate relief and sure cure in Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters.

"The people of the United States think that their customs ought to set the pace for the whole world, don't they?" said the king of Spain. "It seems so," answered Sagasta. "Well, the idea is absurd on the face of it. American institutions are all right in their place; but imagine me trying to write a Thanksgiving proclamation!"—*Washington Star.*

It would be idle to attempt to prove the popularity of the Sohmer piano. Every child in the United States and Canada knows the Sohmer.

Our braves who were denied a view
Of war 'mid Cuba's stirring scenes
Now fight with hero valor through
The pages of the magazines.
—*Denver Post.*

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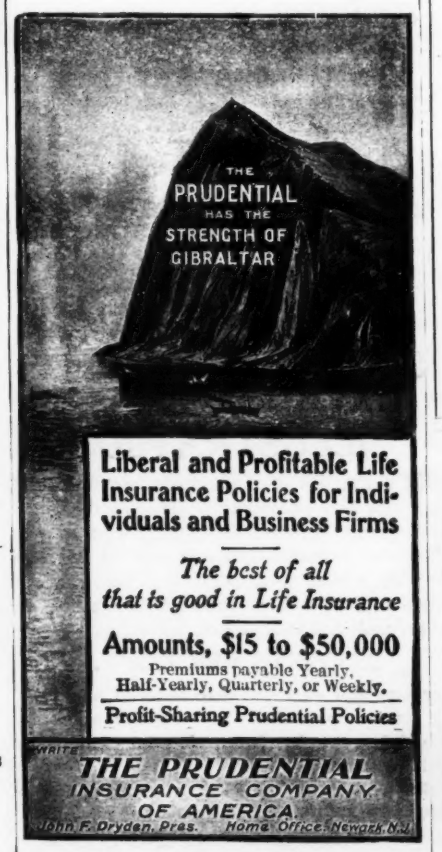


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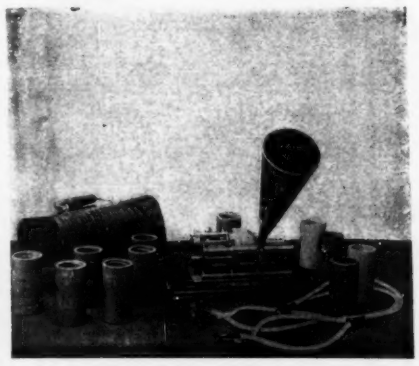

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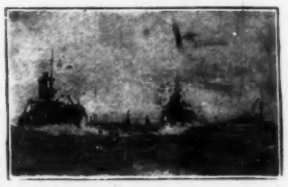

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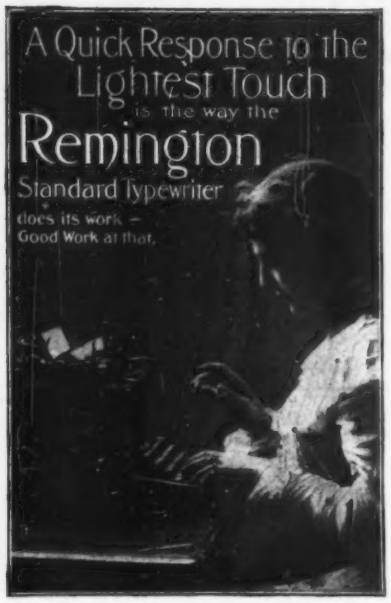


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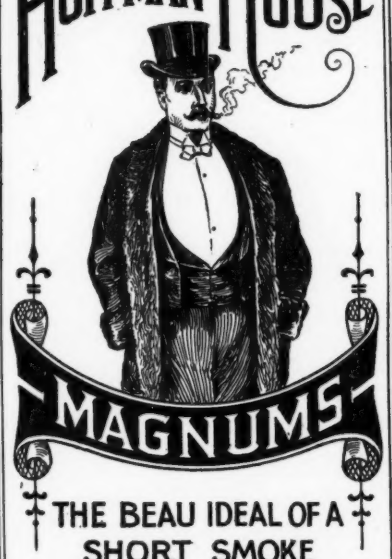

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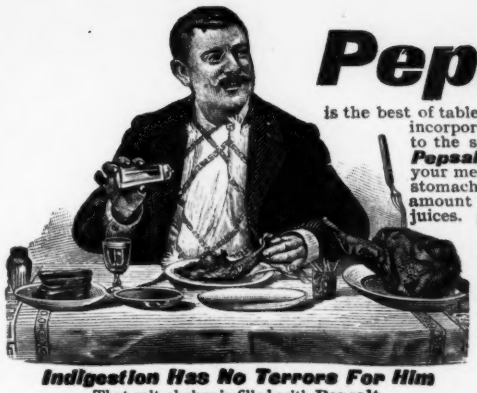

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